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SUBJECT: BOEING INVESTIGATION

- 1. ARTICLE ON FRONT PAGES OF SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, INDIAN EXPRESS STATES THAT MR. M. PRASAD, ADDITIONAL SECRETARY, HOME MINISTRY, AND MEMBER OF AN INVESTIGATING TEAM SENT TO WASHINGTON, HAS RETURNED TO INDIA WITH INFORMATION THAT RAJII GANDHI, SON OF THE FORMER PRIME MINISTER, HAD BEEN PAID US \$990.000 BY BOEING.
- 2. ARTICLE ALLEGES STATEMENT TO THIS EFFECT HAD BEEN MADE TO SENATE COMMITTEE BY BOEING REPRESENTATIVE. THE SUM SUPPOSEDLY WAS PAID IN CONNECTION WITH RECENT SALE OF THREE BOEING 737S TO INDIAN AIRLINES AND TWO 747S TO AIR INDIA.
- 3. ARTICLE THEN DESCRIBES HOW OPPOSITION OF PLANNING COMMISSION AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT BOARD TO THESE PURCHASES HAD BEEN OVERCOME. SEVERAL SUNDAY PAPERS CONTAIN SHORT DENIAL BY RAJI GANDHI, STATING REPORT WAS "BASELESS AND MISCHIEVIOUS", AND THAT HE HAD NEVER RECEIVED MONEY DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY FROM BOEING.
- 4. COMMENT: EXCEPT FOR FOLLOWING DAY'S DENIAL, INDIAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EXPRESS AND FINANCIAL EXPRESS ARTICLES NOT CARRIED IN OTHER ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES. PRASAD, WAS ONE OF TWO OFFICIALS WHO RECENTLY SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH DOJ TO OBTAIN INFORMATION RELATIVE TO BOEING OPERATIONS IN INDIA.

5. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OTHER INFORMATION, EMBASSY RESPONSE TO ANY QUERIES WILL BE THAT WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON CASE

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